

Docket No. 25558

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

AUTOMATIC SPLICING DEVICE FOR LAMINAR WEBS IN CONTINUOUS FEED PROCESS
the specification of which: (check one)☒ is attached hereto. ☐ was filed on _____, as Serial No. _____, and was amended on _____ 19____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56(a).

Prior Foreign Application(s): I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

			Priority Claimed
<u>200201748</u>	<u>Spain</u>	<u>25/07/02</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
(Application No.)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes No
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(Application No.)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes No
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(Application No.)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes No

I hereby appoint Gary M. Nath, Reg. No. 26,965; Irvin A. Lavine, Reg. No. 16,838; Suet M. Chong, Reg. No. 38,104; and Anthony D. Miller, Reg. No. 34,394; my attorneys to prosecute this application and transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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(U.S. Application Serial No.)	(U.S. Filing Date)	(Status--patented, pending, abandoned)
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(U.S. Application Serial No.)	(U.S. Filing Date)	(Status--patented, pending, abandoned)

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor: Manuel TORRES MARTINEZInventor's Signature [Signature] Date June 9, 2003Residence Address Sancho el Fuerte, 21 31007 Pamplona (Spain)Citizenship Spanish Post Office Address Sancho el Fuerte, 21 31007 Pamplona (Spain)Full name of second joint inventor (if any): Inventor's Signature Date Residence Address Citizenship Post Office Address

Applicant/Patentee: Manuel TORRES MARTINEZ
 Serial/Patent No.: Not yet assigned Atty. Dkt No. 25558
 Filed on/Issued on: July 21, 2003
 For: AUTOMATIC SPLICING DEVICE FOR LAMINAR WEBS IN CONTINUOUS FEED PROCESS

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR § 1.9(d) AND § 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR § 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 USC § 41(a) to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled (see above) described in:

- ☒ The specification filed herewith
☐ U.S. Application Serial No. 07/, filed _____
☐ U.S. Patent No. _____, issued _____

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed, and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR § 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR § 1.9(d) or a non-profit organization under 37 CFR § 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed, or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention is listed below:

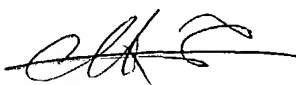
- ☐ No such person, concern or organization
☐ persons, concerns or organizations listed below*

FULL NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
☐ Individual ☐ Small Business ☐ Non-Profit

*NOTE: Separate Verified Statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities (37 CFR § 1.27).

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the Issue Fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 CFR § 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this Verified Statement is directed.

<u>Manuel TORRES MARTINEZ</u>		
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June 9, 2003		
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